

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): Orange County Fire Authority
1 Fire Authority Road
Irvine, CA 92602

County Clerk

(Address)

County of: Orange
601 N. Ross Street
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Project Title: OCFA Sawyer Training

Project Applicant: Orange County Fire Authority

Project Location - Specific:

Talbert Park South, Costa Mesa

Project Location - City: City of Costa Mesa Project Location - County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA), under the Operations Training & Safety Department, proposes to conduct an S-212 Wildland Chainsaws training at Talbert Park, in Costa Mesa, within Orange County, CA. The Proposed Project would occur within Talbert Park South, which is owned and managed by Orange County Parks, and would consist of the removal of non-native and invasive trees to enhance natural communities within the Park, while assisting with training for OCFA.

Trees are an important component of natural ecosystems in California and removal of non-native and invasive trees will enhance native ecosystems, while promoting restoration and removal of hazardous fuel loading. The removal of non-native and invasive species will increase native habitats and ultimately increase native biodiversity, while reducing the wildfire risks to habitable structures by reducing potential fuel within parks and adjacent to roads, homes, and HOAs.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Orange County Fire Authority

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Orange County Fire Authority

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Sections 15304, 15307, 15308
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

None of the exemptions specified in CEQA Guidelines Sections 15300.2 apply.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Dave Erickson Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 949-447-0549

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature:  Date: 11/8/21 Title: Wildland Resource Planner

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____